

REMARKS

Claims 1-20, 22, 23, 25-39 and 41-44 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 1, 22, 23, 26, 29, 32, 38, 39, 42, 43 have been amended as shown at pages 2-12 of the Reply. In addition, claim 44 has been cancelled.

Applicants' representative appreciates the Examiner's acknowledgement in the Office Action dated May 3, 2007 that claim 38 is allowable. Claim 38 has been amended to correct a minor informality. Additionally, independent claims 1, 22, 39, 42 and 43 have been amended to incorporate the allowable limitations of independent claim 38.

Applicants' representative thanks Examiner Strange for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview conducted on January 31, 2008. Examiner was contacted to discuss the amendments to the independent claims incorporating allowable limitations. Examiner indicated that these should place the application in condition for allowance. Examiner further reviewed the claims to identify any issues that may arise under 35 U.S.C. §101 and identified potential issues with claims 1, 39, 42 and 43. Possible amendments were discusses to address these issues. These amendments have been incorporated into the claims as shown above.

In view of the comments and the amendments herein, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [MSFTP221US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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